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AN ACCOUNT

Of the State of

LONDON-DERRY and ENNESKELLING,

Given by a Captain lately come to *Leverpool* from the FLEET in *DERRY*-River, and from thence ſent to a Citizen of *Dublin* now in *London*.

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Brother Norman,

I Doubt not but that at the Exchange there may be various Reports concerning Major General *Kirk* and *Derry*, occaſion'd by a Man of War which came into *High-Lake* on *Sunday* Night laſt; the name of it is the *Antelope*, Captain *Henry Wickham* Commander, carrying 230 Men and 44 Guns; ſhe came from the Fleet on *Friday* laſt, which lies within three Miles or thereabouts of *Derry*. The Account that is given of the Condition of the Fleet and *Derry*, &c. is this, as I had it from one Captain *Henry Jones*, who went along with the Major General, and has got his Paſs for coming back with this Frigat, by reaſon of his illneſs, but is to return again with it: He ſays that the men are very hearty, and that the *Tueſday* before they came away there came into that Place two Ships of Force from *Milford*, one of 21 Guns and the other of 14. with all ſorts of Proviſion, and that *Derry* holds out bravely; for the *Friday* before they left the place the *Derry* People made a Sally out upon the Beſiegers, and they killed, as it is very modeſtly computed, about 1200 men, and that thoſe of *Enneskelling* had ſent out a conſiderable Party to fetch in Cattle, &c. and in their way they met with a Convoy of K. *James* which were going with Plate and Money to the Army, to the value of 20000. *l. Sterl.* and took it: and he ſays further, that they are reſolved, with Gods Aſſiſtance, to venture clear to *Derry*; and he does believe that they are at this time upon their march, for their Reſolutions were to begin their march in Eleven Days, ſome of them being expired before he left the Fleet. This further

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Account is given of the Beſiegers, who leaves no Villany unattempted to get *Derry*: They have for ſeventeen Miles round, neareſt to *Derry*, drove all the Proteſtants, Men, Women and Children before them (which are reckoned to be 7000 at the leaſt) to *Derry* Walls, either to force the Beſieged to take them in or let them ſtarve: One of theſe People ſo ſerved, had the good hap to get off, as thus, (his Name is *Bonbury* a *Cheſhire* Man, and I do believe is either Father or Uncle to *Bonbury* of St. *John*'s *Dublin*) he having four pounds left, gave it all to a Corporal to convey him and his Wife from the Army, which the Corporal very honeſtly did ſeven miles, and then left them, bidding them hide themſelves in the Rocks; but he making towards the *Lough* found this Frigat, was ordered to ſail on board, where he was taken, and a great many more, as well Women as Children, the Captain himſelf going into the Water to fetch them; and allows every one of them a Seamans Allowance, and takes not a penny for their Paſſage, but gives Money to ſome, and takes care for thoſe who are greater Objects of Charity, not to ſet them aſhore till this Town takes ſome care for them; ſome of the Men being eighty years old, ſome Women with Child, one of which was delivered on Board on *Sunday* laſt. This Gentleman ſays, That as they were driving along, they were put into *Rapho* Church, and other Churches, as full as ever they could ſtand: then came three freſh Companies, or Regiments, with their Half-pikes and Skeans to prick them along; and when they came near the Walls, the Beſieged fired over the poor People, and did ſome execution on the Beſiegers; for he ſaw a man's Head ſhot off, which made the Enemy ſay, You ſee they will not hurt you, what need you be troubled for coming hither, *&c?*

Kirk will not land his Men without he has more Aſſiſtance, Horſe eſpecially, which God grant he may ſoon have, and that the reſt of the Army deſigned for *Ireland*, may, when ready, light of a very fair Wind; and then I hope, with God's Bleſſing upon their Endeavours, they may be a means of ſaving our poor Relations which we have left behind; for whom (ſince this damnable Stratagem of Major General *Mac Carty*) we, and all good Chriſtians have reaſon to pray for them; and that God of his infinite Mercy would be pleaſed to ſave them from the Hands of their Enemies, is, and ſhall be the daily Prayer of

Your Loving Brother,

J. R.

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